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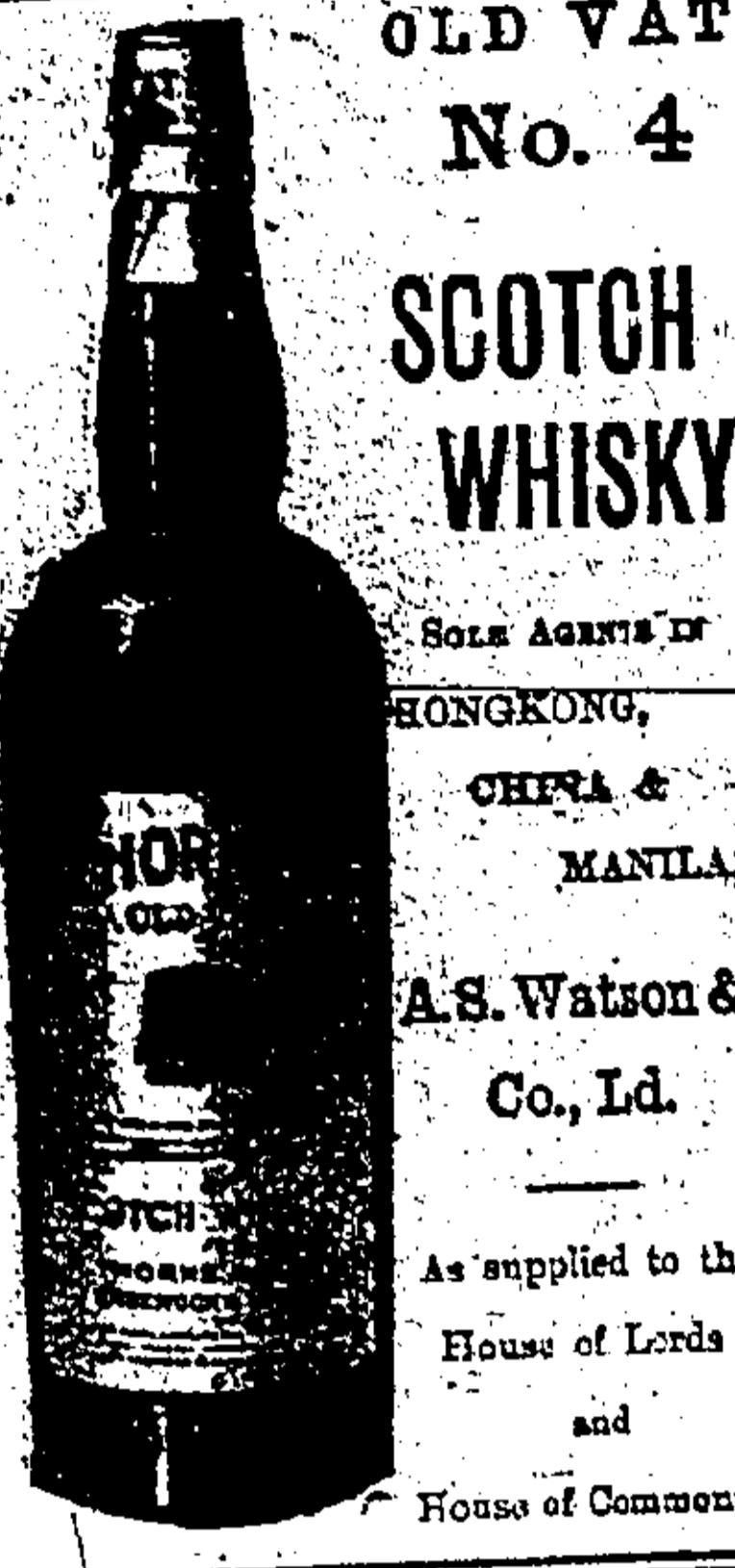
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Hongkong, November 16, 1909. 1424

SHIPPING SEAMEN IN  
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The Shanghai's nautical journal, the *Leading Light*, draws attention to the circular issued by the Harbour-master of Hongkong warning seafarers against the practice of engaging and discharging seamen elsewhere than at the Mercantile Marine Office, and stating that, for the future, the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Ordinances will be strictly enforced. The editor points out that Chinese crews are engaged and discharged through the mercantile boatman, and that to enforce an order made under the British Merchant Shipping Act, that is wholly inapplicable to local conditions, would result in endless mischief. The order at present seems to cut one way only. The shipmaster transgresses if he departs from the order laid down as above; but would the harbour authorities of Hongkong be prepared to hunt down and punish a deserting native seaman?

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"(2) The thorough reform of our Consular Service so as to enable greater assistance to be rendered to commerce.  
"(3) The further cheapening and extension of postal, telegraph, and telephone rates and facilities.  
"(4) The provision of cheap and expeditious means of transit for merchandise.  
"(5) The public control and development of our inland waterway system.  
"(6) The amendment of the bankruptcy laws.  
"(7) The thorough reform of County Court procedure, the extension of County Court jurisdiction, and the reduction of County Court fees.  
"(8) The compulsory adoption of the metric system of weights and measures.  
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"(10) The amendment of the Married Women's Property Law.  
"(11) The abolition of license dues upon British commercial travellers visiting our Colonies and foreign countries.  
"(12) The prohibition of trading on Sundays, and the grant of power to local authorities to regulate street trading within their areas; and  
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Hongkong, January 9, 1910. 816

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T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1910. 157

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T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1910. 158

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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T. F. HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, February 1, 1910. 159

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undergoer on SATURDAY, 13th and MONDAY, 14th inst.

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T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1910. 160

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 11th February to SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, February 1, 1910. 153

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th Feb., 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1909.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 7th February to SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1910, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1910. 143

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, 11th February, at 11 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors to the 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th Inst. to Sat. Feb. 11, 1910, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
Wm. JULLY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1910. 155

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We wish the political outlook in China were as bright as the commercial. The Hon. Mr. M'CARTY STRAWARD, when speaking before the Hongkong branch of the China Association this week, drew a lesson of hope from the present aspect of the political field. We would that we could share his buoyancy of feeling. To us the most ominous sign is the steadily growing hatred of the foreigner and all his ways manifested throughout the length and breadth of the Flowery Kingdom. The cry of "China for the Chinese" is to-day something more than the rallying call of a few hot-headed fanatics. The sentiment is cultivated in the most exalted quarters, and having found support there has spread rapidly downward among the middle class, so surely and steadily coming into power in this ancient empire as it has done elsewhere in the world. We would like to see some of the railway and mining concessions unravelled from their present horrible state of tanglement and the path made plain for China's rational and sober development. But with the anti-foreign fever running at full heat we see little prospects of such a happy consummation. As for the reforms which have waited decades for the appearance of a resolute man to put them into practice, such as the currency, the national finance (including in this the iniquitous and galling *leikin*), the criminal and civil laws, etc., China seems no nearer the goal of the reformers' desire than she was when Lord M'CARTY headed the first British Embassy to her Court. So, bright though the commercial prospects of this New Year may seem, the political potentialities of the time seem to us to be fraught with ominous possibilities for a great disaster.

On the whole, we are given to understand, the omens for the New Year are most propitious. The signs all point prosperously and consequently there is an air of subdued expectancy and tolerant satisfaction prevailing all classes which has been sadly absent during the past two or three years. The twelvemonth just fed is acknowledged to have been fairly satisfactory in commercial circles and a good deal of money was made one way and another, which, together with the absence of any very serious natural calamities in our immediate neighbourhood, has tended to produce the feeling of buoyancy and confidence in the future now so very marked a feature on the local *bourse*. This time last year it was predicted by those in advantageous positions for making observations that the tide had turned and as the months flew by it was seen that they were not so very far wrong. The flow of renewed prosperity has not been particularly striking in amplitude but it has been fairly constant. In this respect Hongkong and South China are but following in the wake of the rest of the world. From Great Britain and the United States come stories of better trade, of expanding industries of fresh developments. In a recently issued commercial hand book we read that though the working costs of British commerce will be higher than in 1909, the colonies will be able to obtain margins for their fall

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We wish the political outlook in China were as bright as the commercial. The Hon. Mr. M'CARTY STRAWARD, when speaking before the Hongkong branch of the China Association this week, drew a lesson of hope from the present aspect of the political field. We would that we could share his buoyancy of feeling. To us the most ominous sign is the steadily growing hatred of the foreigner and all his ways manifested throughout the length and breadth of the Flowery Kingdom. The cry of "China for the Chinese" is to-day something more than the rallying call of a few hot-headed fanatics. The sentiment is cultivated in the most exalted quarters, and having found support there has spread rapidly downward among the middle class, so surely and steadily coming into power in this ancient empire as it has done elsewhere in the world. We would like to see some of the railway and mining concessions unravelled from their present horrible state of tanglement and the path made plain for China's rational and sober development. But with the anti-foreign fever running at full heat we see little prospects of such a happy consummation. As for the reforms which have waited decades for the appearance of a resolute man to put them into practice, such as the currency, the national finance (including in this the iniquitous and galling *leikin*), the criminal and civil laws, etc., China seems no nearer the goal of the reformers' desire than she was when Lord M'CARTY headed the first British Embassy to her Court. So, bright though the commercial prospects of this New Year may seem, the political potentialities of the time seem to us to be fraught with ominous possibilities for a great disaster.

On the whole, we are given to understand, the omens for the New Year are most propitious. The signs all point prosperously and consequently there is an air of subdued expectancy and tolerant satisfaction prevailing all classes which has been sadly absent during the past two or three years. The twelvemonth just fed is acknowledged to have been fairly satisfactory in commercial circles and a good deal of money was made one way and another, which, together with the absence of any very serious natural calamities in our immediate neighbourhood, has tended to produce the feeling of buoyancy and confidence in the future now so very marked a feature on the local *bourse*. This time last year it was predicted by those in advantageous positions for making observations that the tide had turned and as the months flew by it was seen that they were not so very far wrong. The flow of renewed prosperity has not been particularly striking in amplitude but it has been fairly constant. In this respect Hongkong and South China are but following in the wake of the rest of the world. From Great Britain and the United States come stories of better trade, of expanding industries of fresh developments. In a recently issued commercial hand book we read that though the working costs of British commerce will be higher than in 1909, the colonies will be able to obtain margins for their fall

#### CHINESE NEW YEAR.

The Chinese New Year, which falls on February 12, is almost certainly not together with the first eastward wind, marking the Chinese New Year holiday perfectly. Pictures of first springtime were concerned, was presented, with much satisfaction by the Chinese community. Consequently, in accordance with the advice of their descendants, they set aside the hours of six to eleven in the morning as auspicious, for during that time the spirits of evil were supposed to be incompletely active and malevolent and it was unlikely to go out visiting unless one's footsteps left the door still turned at once in a south-easterly direction. But after eleven o'clock the thousands of crackers which had been discharged almost continuously since two o'clock the preceding day had got their fine work and from that time on the whole of the community moved about freely and at ease, visiting, receiving visitors and returning visits. To-day has dawned with a leaden sky, a chill wind, and a promise of a drizzle later on; so all the omens are propitious.

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THE IRRESPONSIBLE FINDINGS OF A MILITARY INSPECTOR.

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#### BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION.

LATEST RETURNS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 10.

The Unionist candidate has been returned for Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities.

(Note.—The position of parties now is—Liberal, 273; Unionists, 273; Nationalists, 82; Labourites, 41. Edinburgh University and Orkney have yet to poll.—Ed., C.M.)

KING OF SWEDEN'S ILLNESS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 9.

A message from Stockholm says that the King of Sweden is expected to recover in about a fortnight, but the Regency of the Crown Prince will probably last three weeks.

TURKISH NAVAL COMMAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 9.

Turkey has applied to Great Britain for an admiral to replace Admiral Gumbel.

JAPANESE ROYALTY IN BERLIN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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The Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Fusimi attended a Court Ball at Berlin last night, the Princess being escorted by Prince Henry of Prussia.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. Archibald Lamont, at one time Presbyter Minister in Singapore, died at Edinburgh on Jan. 6th.

The installation of Lt. Wor. Bro. F. M. Elliot as District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago took place at Singapore on February 25.

Mr. Keddie, Stewart's majority at Wirral was 1,447, his opponent being Mr. E. Jones (L.), Mr. W. H. Lever not offering himself for re-election. In 1906 the Liberal majority was 1,701.

Mr. W. G. MacVean, accountant of the Chartered Bank, Colombo, who left by the *Duplex* on January 19 to take up duties at the Calcutta agency, was presented with a writing case and some Ceylon curios, by the bank's clerical staff.

## REPORTING.

## THE CALENDAR.

Saturday, February 12.

SHOOTING.—Reserves, 200 yards King's Park Range, 2-3.30 p.m.

LAW CHICKEN.—Hoi Tong "A" v. Craygawee, H.K.C.C. ground, 2.15 p.m.

TENNIS.—Kowloon Bowing Green Club

handicap tennis, 2-3.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL.—Canton, United Services

G.C.S.A. ground, Kowloon 4 p.m.

YACHTING.—R.H.K.Y.C. 7th Club Race,

VOLUNTEERING.—Gun Layers' Class,

Gun Club Hill, 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL.—Soldiers' Shield, King Alfred v. Buffs, H.K.C. Club Ground, 4 p.m.

Sunday, February 13.

SHOOTING.—No. 2 Co., H.K.Y.C. Tai

Hang Range, 9-30 a.m. Reserves 200 yards

King's Park Range, 10-12.30 VOLUNTEERS

All Units, King's Park Range, 3 p.m.

YACHTING.—All Units, Church

Parade, St. John's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m.

YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Cup Race, R.H.K.Y.C., Mr. Moddy's Cup and Subscription

Prize Race.

MOTOR BOAT RACING.—C.Y.C. 8th Club

Race.

Monday, February 14.

YACHTING.—Commandant's Parade,

Headquarters, 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15.

RACING.—First day of Hongkong Races.

Wednesday, February 16.

RACING.—Second day of Hongkong

Races.

Thursday, February 17.

RACING.—Third day of Hongkong Races.

Friday, February 18.

TENNIS.—Batties close for Tournament at Hongkong Cricket Club.

Saturday, February 19.

RACING.—Off day of Hongkong Races.

Sunday, February 20.

YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Sixth Club Race.

SHOOTING.—Volunteers, All units, trained soldiers, 9 a.m.; recruits, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22.

HOCKEY.—Challenge Cup, Hongkong v.

H.K.S.B.R.G.A. Hongkong Club Ground,

Happy Valley, 4.45 p.m.

Saturday, February 26.

SHOOTING.—Reserves, 300 yards Peak

Range, 2.30 p.m.

YACHTING.—R.H.K.Y.C. 8th Club Race.

Sunday, February 27.

SHOOTING.—Reserves, 800 yards Peak

Range, 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Cup Race, R.H.K.Y.C. Cruiser Race, 9 a.m.

## Cricket.

HONGKONG v. UNITED SERVICES.

This match, a two days affair, was commenced yesterday morning on the Club's ground, a start being made at about 10.30. The Club batted first and compiled the respectable total of 317, thanks chiefly to Elbrough's 171. The only other men who made respectable scores were Claxton 45, Manning 34 and Sutherland 30.

At the close yesterday's play the Services had made about 300 for five.

By noon to-day the Club had got the Service Men all out, but for a grand total of 412, which included 37 extras. Every man had done his best and scored three, Maindrell leading the list with 82.

The Club went in for their second innings short after twelve and resumed play again after fifteen. The score at time of going press was 220 for 8.

The first innings scores were:

## H.K.C.C.

Elbrough, b.w. b. Garnett... 171

Turner, c. Hunter b. Maindrell... 15

Claxton, b. Brant... 45

Oliver, b. Brant... 4

Manning, c. and v. Brant... 1

Young, c. Potts and v. Brant... 1

Shane, c. Garnett, b. Hunter... 1

Sutherland, c. Mayhew b. Maindrell... 30

Atkinson, b. Maindrell... 20

Shields, n. out... 0

Manning, b. Brant... 24

Extras... 1

## Total... 317

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. W.

Brant... 16 2 52

Garnett... 13 1 65

Hunter... 19 2 74

Maindrell... 11 0 59

Oman... 6 0 23

Hadson... 3 0 5

Noble... 2 0 23

## UNITED SERVICES.

Maindrell, b. Shields... 20

Power, b. Shields... 22

Mayhew, c. Sutherland, b. Shields... 59

Noble, b. Oliver... 59

Garnett, c. Turner, b. Oliver... 59

Hunter, c. Sutherland, b. Elbrough... 49

Clapham, not out... 42

Oliver, st. Claston, b. Shields... 9

Haddon, b. Oliver... 5

Brant, c. Atkinson, b. Young... 1

Oman, c. Maldo, b. Oliver... 12

Extras... 37

## Total... 412

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. W.

Oliver... 26 2 104

Shields... 21 3 104

Young... 24 2 89

Sharpin... 11 0 56

Elbrough... 3 0 22

## Kowloon v. "KENT" OFFICERS.

Playing at home, yesterday Kowloon engaged in an all-day match with the officers of H.M.S. "Kent." The wicket was fast and some capital cricket was seen, the home team eventually winning by six wickets.

In their first venture the naval team put together 126 before being disposed of, to which Kowloon responded with a score of 102. A total of 120 was made by the Kent team in this second fixture, thus leaving the home team with 77 to win to secure a victory.

Only four Kowloon wickets were down when 90 was reached,

the highest score was contributed by J. T. Robinson, who credited Kowloon with 49 in their first innings.

Light Bunkbury being only one below.

Wester also made 43 in the second venture. For the officers Dr. Glaister was top-scorer with 24 to his credit, while Mr. Bux put together a well-compiled 41.

## League Cricket.

HONGKONG "A" v. CHAIKENGWEI C.O.

This League match will be played on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday, beginning at 2.15 p.m.

The following is the Hongkong "A" team—Audrey, Atkinson,

Claston, Hall, Irving, Leitch, Long, MacKenzie, Mallin, Sharpe and Wall.

Chaikeungwei "A" will be represented by G.

Hancock, J. D., Horne, L. A., Rose, E.

Lammert, R. H., Ross, H. H.,

Curvall, H. W., Stevens, W. H., Vroom,

T. Durie and L. M. Lamont.

## REPORTING.

## THE CALENDAR.

## THE TABLE.

The League Cricket table which is

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is as follows:

Club P. W. L. D. P. P.

H.K.C.C. 7 8 1 0 0 71.42

Telegraph... 6 5 0 4 0 68.62

R.G.A. 7 8 1 0 0 69.00

Royal Engineers... 6 5 0 4 0 67.57

H.K. Police... 10 2 3 1 0 63.62

Hockey... 10 1 2 1 7 77.77

Total... 9 1 2 0 7 77.77

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